

E 1 mono- and polyhydroxycinnamic acids, and alcohols and aldehydes of cinnamic acid, wherein cinnamic acid is present in an amount effective to provide for firming, smoothing or tightening of the skin, and (b) a cosmetically acceptable carrier.

E 2 (30) (three times amended) A cosmetic composition suitable for alleviating the effects of menopause on the skin comprising (a) cinnamic acid, or a mixture of cinnamic acid and at least one derivative thereof selected from the group consisting of mono- and polyhydroxycinnamic acids, and alcohols and aldehydes of cinnamic acid, wherein cinnamic acid is present in an amount effective to alleviate the effects of menopause on the skin, and (b) a cosmetically acceptable carrier.

(31) (three times amended) A cosmetic composition suitable for alleviating the effects of menopause on collagen comprising (a) cinnamic acid, or a mixture of cinnamic acid and at least one derivative thereof selected from the group consisting of mono- and polyhydroxycinnamic acids, and alcohols and aldehydes of cinnamic acid, wherein cinnamic acid is present in an amount effective to alleviate the effects of menopause on collagen, and (b) a cosmetically acceptable carrier.

E 3 (32) (twice amended) The cosmetic composition of Claim 27, which further comprises at least one other product which stimulates collagen or lipid synthesis.

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as 30 comprises at least one other product which stimulates collagen or lipid synthesis.

36. (twice amended) The cosmetic composition of Claim 31, which comprises at least one other product which stimulates collagen or lipid synthesis.

37. (twice amended) The cosmetic composition of Claim 32, wherein said other product is selected from the group consisting of plant hormones, vitamin C and derivatives thereof.

E 5 40. (twice amended) The cosmetic composition of Claim 35, wherein said other product is selected from the group consisting of plant hormones, vitamin C and derivatives thereof.

41. (twice amended) The cosmetic composition of Claim 36, wherein said other product is selected from the group consisting of plant hormones, vitamin C and derivatives thereof.

E 6 same as 32/35 62. (twice amended) A cosmetic composition suitable for firming of the skin, smoothing of the skin, tightening of the skin, and/or alleviating the effects of menopause on the skin which comprises (a) cinnamic acid or a mixture of cinnamic acid and at least one derivative thereof, wherein cinnamic acid is present in an amount effective to provide for

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firming of the skin, smoothing of the skin, tightening of the skin, and/or alleviating the effects of menopause on the skin, respectively, (b) at least one other product which stimulates collagen or lipid synthesis and (c) a cosmetically acceptable carrier.

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63. (amended) The cosmetic composition of Claim 62, wherein said other product is selected from the group consisting of plant hormones, vitamin C and derivatives thereof.

Please add the following new Claims 66-125:

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66. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 27, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-6} percent to 10 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

67. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 27, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-3} percent to 5 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

68. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 27, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-6} percent to 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

66 69. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 27, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-3} percent to 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

67 70. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 30, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-6} percent to 10 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

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69 72. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 30, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-6} percent to 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

73. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 30, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-3} percent to 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

66 74. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 31, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-6} percent to 10 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

67 75. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 31, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-3} percent to 5 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

68 *68* 76. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 31, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-6} percent to 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

69 77. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 31, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-3} percent to 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

78. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 62, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-6} percent to 10 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

79. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 62, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-3} percent to 5 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

80. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 62, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-6} percent to 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

81. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 62, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-3} percent to 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

(82.) (new) A cosmetic composition suitable for firming, smoothing or tightening the skin or for alleviating the effects of menopause on the skin, which comprises (a) cinnamic acid, in an amount effective to firm, smooth or tighten the skin, or to alleviate the effects of menopause on the skin, and (b) a cosmetically acceptable carrier.

83. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 82, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-6} percent to 10 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

84. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 82, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-3} percent to 5 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

85. (new) A cosmetic composition suitable for firming, smoothing or tightening the skin or alleviating the effects of menopause on the skin comprising (a) cinnamic acid, in an amount effective to firm, smooth or tighten the skin or alleviate the effects of menopause on the skin, (b) at least one other product which stimulates collagen or lipid synthesis, and (c) a cosmetically acceptable carrier.

86. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 85, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-6} percent to 10 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

87. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 85, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-3} percent to 5 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

88. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 62, wherein (b) is β -naphthoxyacetic acid.

89. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 88, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-6} percent to 10 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

90. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 88, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-3} percent to 5 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

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91. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 88, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-6} percent to 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

92. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 88, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-3} percent to 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

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93. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 85, wherein (b) is β -naphthoxyacetic acid.

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94. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 93, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-6} percent to 10 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

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95. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 93, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-3} percent to 5 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

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96. (new) A cosmetic composition suitable for firming, smoothing or tightening the skin or for alleviating the effects of menopause on the shin, which comprises (a) cinnamic acid and ethyl cinnamate, in an amount effective to firm, smooth or tighten the skin, or to alleviate the effects of menopause on the skin, and (b) a cosmetically acceptable carrier.

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97. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 96, wherein the amount of (a) ranges from 10^{-6} percent to 10 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

98. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 96, wherein the amount of (a) ranges from 10^{-3} percent to 5 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

99. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 96, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-6} percent to 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

100. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 96, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-3} percent to 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

101. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 96, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid is 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition and the amount of ethyl cinnamate is 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

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102. (new) A cosmetic composition suitable for firming, smoothing or tightening the skin, which comprises (a) cinnamic acid and ethyl cinnamate, in an amount effective to firm, smooth or tighten the skin, or to alleviate the effects of menopause on the skin, (b) at least one other product which stimulates collagen or lipid synthesis, and (c) a cosmetically acceptable carrier.

103. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 102, wherein the amount of (a) ranges from 10^{-6} percent to 10 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

104. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 102, wherein the amount of (a) ranges from 10^{-3} percent to 5 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

105. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 102, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-6} percent to 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

106. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 102, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-3} percent to 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

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com. 107. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 102, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid is 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition and the amount of ethyl cinnamate is 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

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A/w. 108. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 102, wherein (b) is β -naphthoxyacetic acid.

109. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 108, wherein the amount of (a) ranges from 10^{-6} percent to 10 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

110. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 108, wherein the amount of (a) ranges from 10^{-3} percent to 5 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

111. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 108, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-6} percent to 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

112. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 108, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-3} percent to 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

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113. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 108, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid is 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition and the amount of ethyl cinnamate is 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

114. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 27, further comprising an agent for modifying skin proliferation.

115. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 30, further comprising an agent for modifying skin proliferation.

116. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 31, further comprising an agent for modifying skin proliferation.

117. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 62, further comprising an agent for modifying skin proliferation.

118. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 27, further comprising an anti-wrinkle active agent.

119. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 30, further comprising an anti-wrinkle active agent.

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120. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 31, further comprising an anti-wrinkle active agent.

121. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 62, further comprising an anti-wrinkle active agent.

122. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 27, further comprising an agent for modifying skin proliferation and an anti-wrinkle active agent.

123. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 30, further comprising an agent for modifying skin proliferation and an anti-wrinkle active agent.

124. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 31, further comprising an agent for modifying skin proliferation and an anti-wrinkle active agent.

125. (new) The cosmetic composition of Claim 62, further comprising an agent for modifying skin proliferation and an anti-wrinkle active agent.

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